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VIRGINIA IN 1677-1678.

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)

(CONTINUED)

Whitehall, Dec. 12, 1677

ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL ON PETITION OF CAPT. THOS. GARDNER referring same to Committee of Trade and Plantations to examine the petitioner's case and report how he may be satisfied for the great hardships and charge of his imprisonment by order of the Assembly of Virginia.

(Colonial Papers, 1. p.)

Another copy is entered in Colonial Entry Bk. No. 80, pp. 215-6.

Whitehall, Dec. 13, 1677

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS—A Report to his Maj. about the laws of Virginia read and approved. A repertory of Grievances presented to the late Commiss^{rs} of Virginia by the people there is read in part. Opinions of their Lordships on several of the Articles of same. 3 pp.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 105, pp. 182-4.)

Whitehall, Dec. 18, 1677

WM. BLATHWAYT TO COL. MORYSON. Has got ready the names of such as the Acts lately made in Virginia had excepted out of the free pardon granted by his Maj. Proclamation but as to his request for a copy of the Objections signed by Col. Culpeper against Moryson's Narrative, the Lords of the Committee say that as His Maj. in Council had not thought fit to take any notice of that paper so the reply could only multiply

disputes to no purpose and therefore it was not necessary that any copy should be given to him.

(Colonial Entry Bk. No. 80, p. 211.)

Whitehall, Dec. 18, 1677

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS—In reference to the eighth Grievance of Northampton County Virginia their Lordships think fit that the Courts of Judicature be not adjourned so often as is complained of, without sufficient cause, & that the Governor be directed to regulate this abuse. Letter signed to Col. Jeffreys Gov. of Virginia requiring of him an account of the affairs of Virginia since his arrival there and transmitting several Heads of Inquiry relating to the present state of the Country.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 105, p. 185.)

Council Chamber, Dec. 18, 1677

REPORT [OF COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND PLANTATIONS] TO THE KING—That a letter be written to Lieut. Governor Herbert Jefferies directing him to use all effectual means to comprehend as well within the late peace made with the Indians as in all other Treaties of Peace to be negotiated hereafter, not only the Province of Maryland but all other neighbouring Colonies of His Maj. subjects. Indorsed "Read and approved January 8th, 1677-8.

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

Whitehall, Dec. 22, 1677

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL UPON PETITION OF OTHO THORPE (1) of York County, Virginia, setting forth his great losses by plunder during the Rebellion, that himself and wife were imprisoned by the Rebels for refusing to take up arms with them, and that Gov. Berkeley seized the remainder of his estate

(1) Otho Thorpe, of York County, was a justice of that county, 1682 &c., married three times, but left no children. He died in 1686-7 in the parish of All-Hallows-In-The-Wall, Loudon. His property was bequeathed to his nephew Thos. Thorpe, also of Virginia, to his cousin John Grice, of James City Co., & to his niece Hannah, wife of John Pell, citizen and cooper of London.

& praying for restitution. His Majesty being very sensible that many of his poor subjects there must necessarily have suffered many hardships in that calamitous time and desiring they may be restored to all they can justly lay a claim to, orders that said petition and papers annexed be referred to Lords of Trade and Plantations for their report when his Majesty will declare his further pleasure.

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

Whitehall, Dec. 22, 1677

ORDER OF KING IN COUNCIL ON PETITION OF ELIZABETH DUDLEY, WIDOW OF WM. DUDLEY(2) late of Middlesex County, Virginia, on behalf of herself and her three sons setting forth

(2) The destruction of the records of Gloucester, Mathews, New Kent and King and Queen counties prevents anything like a complete account of the Dudleys of Virginia being prepared; but enough remains to make it probable (though Dudley is not an uncommon name and there may have been several emigrants) that all of the name derived from one ancestor. Edward Dudley witnessed a deed in York Co. in 1651, and his tithables were listed in Lancaster in 1654. Rev. Thomas Sax, of Lancaster, in his will dated April 1654, makes a bequest to Richard, second son of Edward Dudley. The will of Thos. Rootes, Lancaster, Jan. 25, 1660, gave Elizabeth Robinson, two cows for her children, Elizabeth and Richard Dudley. So Edward Dudley had probably died and his widow remarried, before 1660. There is on record in Lancaster a deed, dated Feb. 20, 1657, from William Dudley of Mobjack Bay, Gloucester, conveying to Henry Thatcher [Thacker] land on the south side of Rappahannock River. Lancaster then included the later Middlesex. So it seems probable that Edward Dudley had two sons: 1. William², 2. Richard².

A Richard Dudley was living in Gloucester in 1660 and was vestryman of Petsworth parish in 1677. This seems to be the same as 2. Richard². He had certainly two sons 3. Col. Ambrose³ Dudley, vestryman of Kingstons parish, justice of Gloucester 1698 &c., and Burgess for that county in October 1710. 4. Major Robert³, of Middlesex and probably a third son James Dudley, vestryman of Petsworth in 1682.

4. Major Robert³ Dudley, was a Burgess in Middlesex at the sessions of Nov. 1685, April 1688, April 1695, Sept. 1696, and April 1699. His will "Robert Dudley of Middlesex, gent." was dated Oct. 14, and proved in Middlesex, Nov. 3, 1761. His legatees were his eldest son Robert Dudley, to whom he gave land in Middlesex where testator formerly lived, and which had been given to testator by his father Richard Dudley, youngest son George, daughters Avarilla and Elizabeth, and appoints his brother Ambrose Dudley and friend Peter Beverley executors. Mentions land he bought from Thomas Dudley.

1. William² Dudley probably removed from Gloucester to Middlesex, and is the person referred to in the text. He was a justice of Middlesex in 1676. On July 1677, Elizabeth widow of William Dudley qualified in Middlesex as his administratrix, with William Churchill and William Dudley securities.

that her husband was forced to administer Bacon's unlawful Oath, but with a salvo to his allegiance to his Majesty and before he would obtain the benefit of his Maj. pardon. Sir Wm. Berkeley seized fifteen hogsheads of tobacco to his own use. Prays restitution His Majesty being very desirous to have the

The following appear in the records of Middlesex (1) Deed 1684 from John son of William Dudley, gent., in which John refers to his brother James; (2) Deed July 1687 from Thomas Dudley of Middlesex, conveying land patented by his father William Dudley; (3) Deed, Sept. 1686, from William Dudley of Middlesex, who had married Mary, daughter of Mr. William Bawd, late of Lancaster Co.; (4) Robert Dudley, sheriff of Middlesex, 1690-91; (5) Deed March 1695, from James Dudley and Ann his wife for land purchased formerly by William Dudley; (6) Deed March 1695 from Thomas Dudley and Frances his wife, for land given him by his father William Dudley; (7) Deed, March 1695 from Thomas Williamson of Middlesex and his wife Mary, late Mary widow of Thomas Dudley; (8) Deposition of Robert Dudley, Jr. aged 26, March 1701, that he heard George Wolley say he gave all his property to Elizabeth, wife of Robert Dudley; (9) Will of Robert Dudley, dated March 9, 1701-10, proved Aug. 1710, legatees, wife Elizabeth, son Ranson and daughter Avarilla; (10) Inventory of estate of James Dudley, deceased, presented by his son James Dudley Dec. 1, 1707; (11) Will of James Dudley, dated Feb. 1710-11, proved April 1711, legatees, sons James and Robert, daughter Judith, friend William Marlowe a trustee; had lands in Gloucester and Middlesex; (12) Will of James Dudley, dated Feb. 1702-3, proved May 1711, legatees, eldest son James, son William, daughter Elizabeth and Sarah; (13) Will of James Curtis, of Middlesex, dated Nov. , 1720, names daughter Ann Dudley; (14) Inventory of estate of Robert Dudley Oct. 1, 1745; (15) Will of Jean Dudley dated March 1741, legatees, sons William and Staunton, other children not named; (16) Will of William Dudley proved May 1760, legatees, wife, son Charles, daughter Jane, brother Staunton Dudley; (16) Deed Jan. 8, 1713, from Robert Dudley of Princess Anne County, conveying property in Middlesex; (17) Marriage bond Oct. 7, 1761, Lewis Dudley and Frances, daughter of John Aldin; (18) Marriage bond March 5, 1760, Staunton Dudley and Rebecca Berry; (19) Marriage bond Feb. 23, 1765, Marlow Dudley and Anna Maria Ashton.

In Barradall's Reports is a case showing that George, son of Peter Ranson of Gloucester had an only child Elizabeth, who married Robert Dudley who died in 1701. The widow, in 1710, married — Elliott and died in Dec. 1718, and — Dudley her son and heir was suing in 1739. Robt. who died 1701, was evidently Major Robt. Dudley of Middlesex whose will (above) was proved in that year.

The will of Jno. Stevens dated Dec. 1, 1661 and proved Feb. 6, 1677 contained a bequest of 500 acres on the north side of Rappahannock to Alexander, son of Richard Dudley, and made Richard Webley and Richard Dudley residuary legatees.

The Register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, contains many entries in regard to the Dudleys, as does the printed volume of abstracts of Spotsylvania county records. In Mrs. Stubbs' *Notes and Genealogies of Early Settlers of Alabama*, pp. 386-391, contains valuable data in regard to the Dudleys, though partly based on probable conjecture. She is an error however, as shown above, in the parentage of Major Robt. Dudley of Middlesex.

petitioners restored to whatever may have unjustly been taken from them in the hurry and distraction of the late Rebellion there orders that said petition and papers annexed be referred to Lords of Trade & Plantations for their Report.

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

Whitehall, Dec. ?, 1677 (Dec. 22)

PETITION OF SANDS KNOWLES⁽³⁾ of Gloucester County in Virginia to the King, setting forth the seizure of himself and servants and the plundering of his estate to the value of £400 sterling by Major Robt. Beverley in Oct. 1676 & his having obtained the benefit of his Maj. pardon and prays for the restitution of his estate.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

Dec. 22, 1677

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL ON PETITION OF SANDS KNOWLES of Gloucester County in Virginia with the papers annexed, praying a restitution of his Estates there, referring same to Lords of Trade and Plantations for their Report that thereupon his Majesty may declare his further pleasure.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

Dec. 22, 1677 (Annexed)

PETITION OF SANDS KNOWLES to Governor Herbert Jeffreys for permission, for the reasons therein stated, to put in security according to the tenor of his Maj. Proclamation of Pardon—With certificate by Sam. Wiseman that petitioner duly performed what is enjoined by said Proclamation.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

Dec. 22, 1677 (Annexed)

PETITION OF SANDS KNOWLES to the Commissioners for Virginia. That Major Beverley has seized his servants, and negroes and goods to the value of £400 sterling—prays he may receive

⁽³⁾ Sands Knowles was vestryman of Kingston parish, Gloucester in 1677.

the full benefit of his Maj. pardon and have liberty to recover his estate. Annexed

Three Depositions taken in Virginia in behalf of the petitioner concerning his losses and imprisonment.

(Colonial Papers, 4 pp.)

Whitehall, Dec. 22, 1677

ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL on petition of William Mumford of London, Merchant on behalf of Alexander Walker of Virginia Planter, for restitution of his goods seized by Sir Wm. Berkeley and converted to his own use petitioner's only offence being the taking Bacon's unlawful Oath which he was forced to by threats; referring same to Lords of Trade and Plantations for their report.

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

Whitehall, Dec. 27, 1677

THE KING TO COL. HERBERT JEFFREYS, LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA—Refers to his letter of 25 August last (which see) and now explains that Lord Culpeper's Salary shall be paid out of the receipt of his Maj. Exchequer here after the rate of £1200 a year since the time of Sir William Berkeley's death, until 25 March next ensuing and that Jeffreys receive proportionably the like sum out of the pay appointed for the Governor of Virginia until 25th March. But that from and after that time vice versa, Lord Culpeper shall be paid wholly in Virginia and Jeffreys in England. He is not to intermeddle with the revenues in Virginia the King having granted all perquisites since Sir Wm. Berkeley's death to Lord Culpeper.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 80, pp. 307-8.)

Another copy is entered in Col. Entry Bk. No. 95, p. 149.)

Virginia, Dec. 30, 1677

ED. ROUS TO SECRETARY SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON—About ten days hence the Unity will sail with 400 of His Maj. soldiers under his command for London—Begs for a Captain's Commission in the room of John Meoles deceased.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

Dec. 30, 1677

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM LIEUT. GOV. HERBERT JEFFREYS to Col. Francis Moryson—Impudent conduct of Robert Beverley since his departure in denying the authority of the Commission and calling all his proceedings unjust and illegal—Col. Phillip Ludwell under restraint—so beleives both may come home together—He shall have their accusations by the next.

(Colonial Papers.)

Whitehall, Dec. 31, 1677

SECRETARY SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON TO M^r [THOMAS] LUDWELL. Is very glad to find him well arrived after so ill a passage and writes this at the desire of some of Ludwell's friends on this side and to assure him that he (Williamson) is far from having entertained the least prejudice against him or any man, as to his person. Has heretofore fully explained himself on that subject "I pray you know me better than to believe I have any other measure or rule in my judging or favouring of men in public station than their merits or demerits towards his Majesty and the service they are in And that you shall ever find me just and punctual by the blessing of God to this principle." Shall be glad as there is occasion to hear from him of the temper & condition things are in and prays he will please to be impartial in it, for the consequence such information may be of to his Maj. service. Alderman Jeffryes, our good friend, deserves too well of all good men to need much recommendation.

(Col. Entry Bk. No. 93, p. 94.)

1677?

PETITION OF COL. WM. CLAIBORNE (4) a poor old servant of Your Maj. Father and Grandfather to King Charles 2nd—Was one of the Council of State to his Maj. Grandfather and Secretary of State to his Father, and by their special commands under the broad seal of England to the Governor of Virginia, was sent to discover and gain a great trade of Beavers and Furs which the Dutch then usurped to themselves. At his own

(4) This was the former Secretary Claiborne, who must have been at this time about ninety years old.

charge and in his own person petitioner discovered and planted the Isle of Kent and the Bay of Chesapeake, which then well succeeding the Lord Baltemore taking notice thereof procured a patent for the same pretending it was unplanted, and since by force of arms though forbidden by the then King has expelled petitioner and taken away his estate to the value of above £10.000 sterling in goods, cattle servants and many plantations thereon, which the Grand Assembly of Virginia has lately presented as a great grievance to the Country and has been near the utter undoing of petitioner & his family, now in his old age, his younger years being most spent in his Discoveries and wars against the Indians as Chief Commander. Prays for speedy justice in so lamentable a case.

Signed W. Claiborne.

(Colonial Papers.)

1677

PETITION OF SIR WM. BERKELEY, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, TO THE KING—Has been above *35 years Governor of Virginia which Colony he recovered from almost a state of ruin. It now produces nearly £100,000 per ann-revenue to the Crown in Customs and was in a flourishing state till Bacon's rebellion when the petitioner not only hazarded his life but totally ruined his fortune. Requests if his conduct has been misrepresented as he has been recalled to England that he may prove his innocence and not be disturbed in the receipt of his salary.

(Colonial Papers.)

1677?

PETITION OF ALEXANDER CULPEPER, Administrator of the estate of Sir Wm. Berkeley, late Governor of Virginia, to the King—The salary of Sir Wm. Berkeley remaining unpaid for a considerable time before his death is legally due to his widow, Lady Berkeley: prays that orders may be sent to the Governor of Virginia to direct the payment thereof out of the first public money raised for that purpose.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

1677? or 1679?.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS MORYSON, Agent for the Colony of Virginia to Secretary Lord Arlington. That the frigate designed for that place is to sail within three days That his Lordship will order the dispatch of the Governor & Secretary of the Colony and give command to all ships to lade and unlade under the fortifications erected for defence in each river.

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

1678 (Before)

WARRANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DRAW A PATENT FOR JOHN LIGHTFOOT TO BE AUDITOR GENERAL of His Maj. Colony of Virginia in the room of Thomas Stegg lately deceased.

(Colonial Papers. Minute.)

PRINTED PAPER ENTITLED "THE VIRGINIA TRADE STATED, also reasons showing if a further imposition be laid upon Tobacco it will produce the inconveniences that follow."

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

1678? (About)

PETITION OF THE MERCHANTS, PLANTERS AND TRADERS TO THE ENGLISH PLANTATIONS in America, but more especially to Virginia, to the King. Set forth the great detriment of planting tobacco in England and imploring that an Act of Parliament be speedily passed to prevent the same. Signed Edward Digges, Hen. Chichley, Thomas Dale, Tho. Colclough, John Jefferies &c in all 76 names.

Indorsed by Sir Joseph Williamson.

(Colonial Papers, 2 pp.)

Jan. 3, 1677-8

REPRESENTATION OF THE LATE COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFAIRS OF VIRGINIA to the Lords of Trade and Plantations—That the several Petitions herewith given in, according to their promise when in Virginia to the poor petitioners may be read and considered & reported on to his Majesty.—that so they may receive such redress as their respective cases require, & be mentioned

in a general letter to Virginia or otherwise as may seem most expedient. "The petitions are in two small bundles delivered in by Sa: Wiseman."

(Colonial Papers, 1 p.)

N. B.—See the next Abstract, "Personal Grievances of divers inhabitants,"—which I take to be the petitions above referred to .

W. N. S.

1677-8, Jan. (to follow 3d.)

"PERSONAL GRIEVANCES OF DIVERS INHABITANTS WITHIN HIS MAJ. COLONY OF VIRGINIA, proved before us his Maj. Commissioners by oath, all which we do herewith (according to their desires) most humbly present in their own words as we received the same and do give this short abstract, As followeth—" Here follow the abstracts of the several Petitions with, in parallel columns, the Commissioner's observations and opinion—The names of the Petitioners are, Alex Walker, Henry Jenkins, Ohio Thorp, Thos. Grendon, Thos. & Wm. Dudley, John Page, Wm. Hunt, Nic. Prynne, Thos. Palmer, Sandes Knowles, Wm. Howard, John Deane, John Williams, Thos. Bobby, Nic. Toope, John Johnson, Jas. Barrow, Wm. Hoare, Edw. Lloyd, Thos. Glover, And. Godeon, Wm. Rowland, Thos. Lushington, Rich. Clarke and Geo. Seaton.

(Colonial Entry Book No. 81, pp. 337-352.)

N. B.—Most of the Original Petitions above named will be found in the Correspondence and are calendared under their respective dates; see particularly March, April & May, 1677.

W. N. T.

(To be Continued)